



## Biography

# 437th Airlift Wing (AMC)

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## COLONEL KARL B. YOUNG



Colonel Karl B. Young is vice commander of the 437th Airlift Wing, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. The wing maintains C-17 Globemaster III aircraft and has more than 4,200 military and 1,700 civilians working around the clock to provide airlift of troops, cargo and passengers including aeromedical evacuation when needed. The 437 AW participates in military operations involving the direct delivery and airdrop of troops, equipment, and supplies; responds to Joint Chiefs of Staff-sponsored special operations missions and supports U.S. State Department-directed humanitarian relief efforts worldwide.

Colonel Young is a graduate of West Winfield Central School, Utica, NY, 1968. The colonel earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry in 1972 from Hobart College, Geneva, N.Y. and a Master of Business Administration degree in 1983 from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y.

Colonel Young was commissioned as a second lieutenant in October 1974 as a Distinguished Graduate of Officer Training School and is a Master Navigator with over 2,700 hours in the KC-135 and FB-111.

### **EDUCATION:**

- 1972 Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry, Hobart College, N.Y.
- 1979 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1983 Master of Business Administration, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y.
- 1990 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. October 1974 – July 1975, undergraduate aviator training, Mather AFB, Calif.
2. August 1975 – December 1975, KC-135 SAC combat crew training, Castle AFB, Calif.
3. January 1976 – June 1981, crewmember, instructor and evaluator, KC-135, Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y.
4. June 1981 – May 1982, FB-111 SAC combat crew training, Plattsburgh, N.Y.
5. May 1982 – Nov 1984, crewmember, instructor and evaluator, FB-111, Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y.
6. November 1984 – August 1985, combat crew training instructor, FB-111, Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y.
7. August 1985 – May 1988, deputy director, Command Action Group, HQ SAC, Offutt AFB, Neb.
8. May 1988 – June 1989, assistant for senior officer management, HQ SAC, Offutt AFB, Nev.
9. July 1989 – June 1990, student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
10. October 1990 – December 1991, KC-135 operations officer, Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y.

11. January 1992 – September 1993, commander, 380th Air Refueling Squadron, Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y. and commander, 4408 AREFS (P), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
12. September 1993 – May 1994, deputy commander, 380th Air Refueling Group, Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y.  
June 1994 – December 1995, commander, 19th Air Refueling Group, Robins AFB, Ga.
13. December 1995 – August 1997, director of operations, Tanker Airlift Control Center, Scott AFB, Ill.
14. August 1997 – January 2000, director of current operations, Tanker Airlift Control Center, Scott AFB, Ill.
15. February 2000 – Present, vice commander, 437th Airlift Wing, Charleston AFB, S.C.
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### **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Master Navigator  
Flight Hours: 2,700  
Aircraft KC-135A, Q, R, T; FB-11A; C-141B

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters  
Aerial Achievement Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
Outstanding Unit Award with five oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with four oak leaf clusters  
Combat Readiness Medal  
Southwest Asia Service Medal  
Humanitarian Service Medal

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	Oct 2, 1974
First Lieutenant	Oct 2, 1976
Captain	Oct 2, 1978
Major	Feb 1, 1986
Lieutenant Colonel	Jun 1, 1989
Colonel	Jan 1, 1995